

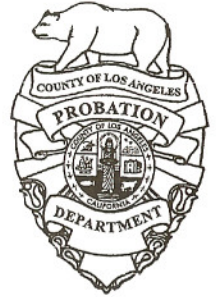


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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PROBATION DEPARTMENT

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November 12, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN
PHASE III OF THE ENHANCED DISPROPORTIONATE MINORITY CONTACT
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT ADMINISTERED BY THE CORRECTIONS
STANDARDS AUTHORITY (CSA)**

(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT:

The County of Los Angeles Probation Department (Probation) is requesting that your Board adopt a Resolution to support Probation's participation in Phase III of the Enhanced Disproportionate Minority Contact Technical Assistance Project (DMC-TAP).

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Adopt a Resolution (Attachment I) to support the County's participation in Phase III of the DMC-TAP.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDATION

The purpose of the recommended action is to adopt a resolution to support the County's participation in Phase III of the DMC-TAP. The primary focus of the DMC-TAP is the development of strategies and recommendations that address the over-

representation of minority youth who come into contact with the juvenile justice system at all points (from arrest through confinement) relative to their numbers in the general population. The program is designed to assist Probation in understanding and identifying DMC and to equip the Department with the tools and resources needed to provide leadership in developing and/or strengthening community-based DMC-TAP reduction activities.

On October 31, 2006, the Board adopted a resolution to support the County's participation in Phase I of the DMC-TAP, and authorized the Chief Probation Officer to accept grant funds awarded from CSA in the amount of \$150,000 for the first year Phase I grant period of January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007, \$175,000 for the subsequent Phase II 12-month period and \$200,000 for Phase III, and final 12-month period for a total of \$525,000 in grant funding.

On November 15, 2006, CSA awarded the Probation Department \$150,000 for the Phase I grant period. Phase I funds were used to identify infrastructure needs within the department (e.g., DMC staff and/or resources needed to implement and improve data collection and analysis efforts). Specifically, Phase I objectives were as follows: 1) determination if DMC exists at key Departmental Decision/Contact Points based on the "Relative Rate Index" (RRI); 2) considering internal and external factors contributing to DMC; 3) recommending, for those Decision/Contact points greatly influenced by the Department, solutions to reduce or eliminate overrepresentation of certain segments of the general population; 4) developing a plan to engage juvenile justice stakeholders in seeking system changes for those Decision/Contact Points where Probation has minimal or no influence concerning the outcome and; 5) making recommendations concerning changes to existing automated systems to better track, monitor and analyze activities at Departmental Decision/Contact Points.

On October 16, 2007, the Board adopted a resolution to support the County's participation in Phase II of the DMC-TAP. In November of 2007, CSA awarded the Probation Department \$175,000 for the Phase II grant period. Phase II funds are currently being used for contracting with an expert consultant to facilitate stakeholder collaboration and to assist in developing DMC reduction strategies. Specifically, Phase II objectives, which are currently in progress, are as follows: 1) determination at which internal decision points there is the greatest potential and need for DMC reduction; 2) utilization of alternatives to detention in appropriate cases as a strategy for DMC reduction; 3) developing a plan that includes stakeholders in system-wide DMC reduction efforts; 4) completion of community

data analysis to identify DMC patterns and 5) improving data collection at all points to capture statistics relevant to DMC.

Funding for Phase III of the Enhanced DMC-TAP is contingent upon successful completion of Phase II. To this end, the grantees in Phase II must complete the third year grant re-application to be eligible for Phase III funds. As required by CSA, a resolution from the Board of Supervisors addressing specific grant-related issues must be submitted with the grant re-application for each of the three phases.

If awarded, Phase III grant funds will continue the County's efforts in developing DMC-TAP reduction strategies by supporting implementation of the DMC reduction plan developed in Phase II.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal #3: Organizational Effectiveness, and Goal #8: Public Safety.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

If awarded, the grant funding for Phase III will be \$200,000 for the period of January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009. Funding is contingent on legislative funding and will be granted on a non-competitive basis. There is no net County cost (NCC) match requirement.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In October 2008, the CSA released the third year grant application for Phase III of the DMC-TAP. Probation plans to submit this application no later than December 1, 2008. The resolution, required as part of the application process, has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

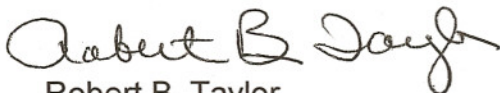
If awarded, Phase III grant funds will support implementation of the DMC reduction plan developed in Phase II.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by your Board, it is requested that the Executive Officer/Clerk of the Board send the adopted Board Letter and an original signed resolution to:

Probation Department
Contracts and Grants Management Division
Attention: Yolanda Young, Director
9150 E. Imperial Hwy
Downey, CA 90242

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert B. Taylor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robert" and last name "Taylor" clearly distinguishable.

Robert B. Taylor
Chief Probation Officer

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Attachment

- c. Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN
PHASE III OF THE ENHANCED DISPROPORTIONATE MINORITY CONTACT
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT ADMINISTERED BY THE CORRECTIONS
STANDARDS AUTHORIZATION (CSA)**

WHEREAS the County of Los Angeles Probation Department desires to participate in Phase III of the Enhanced Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Technical Assistance Project supported by federal Formula Grant funds and administered by the Correction Standards Authority (hereafter referred to as CSA).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Probation Officer is authorized by the Board of Supervisors to submit the grant application for this funding for the period of January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009, and sign the Grant Agreement with CSA, including any amendments thereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the federal funds received hereunder shall be used to support implementation of the DMC reduction plan developed in Phase II.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that federal grant funds received hereunder shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by the Board of Supervisors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the county agrees to abide by the statutes and regulations governing the federal Formula Grants Program as well as the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement as set forth by the CSA.


The foregoing resolution was on the _____ day of _____, 2008, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which Board so acts.

SACHI A. HAMAI, Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of
The County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Raymond G. Fortner, Jr.
County Counsel

By 
Gordon W. Trask
Principal Deputy County Counsel